

THE ADVISOR

Family Readiness Newsletter



Message from the Commanding Officer



Another quarter has flown by and MCTAG has been very busy. The first thing you may notice is that we have changed our name to “Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group” (MCSCG) effective

October 1st. With this change, we have merged with the Security Cooperation Education and Training Center (SCETC) in Quantico, Virginia and have broadened our responsibilities in the area of Security Cooperation. We welcome our new command members in Quantico and look forward to working together to improve Security Cooperation for the Marine Corps.

The other significant change concerns the growth of the command over this last summer. Between June and September, we welcomed over 40 Marines and Sailors to MCSCG. We also saw the completion of the fourth rotation of MCSCG personnel to the Republic of Georgia, and we have just started our fifth rotation under the leadership of Maj. Josh Anderson and Gunnery Sgt. Lee Bruno.

The Command continues to establish itself as experts in the area of Security Cooperation, and the contributions of your Marines, Sailors, and civilians are invaluable. Equally as important is the support each of them receives from their respective families. Thank you for what you do for your service member and Victoria per Societas! (Victory through Partnership)

C. R. McCarthy

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Col. Christopher McCarthy and Sgt. Maj. Carl Gantt unveil the new unit colors during a ceremony in honor of the unit's name change, Oct. 3.

Message from the Sergeant Major



MCSCG Family,

I replaced Sergeant Major Hall as the MCTAG Sergeant Major on Aug. 12 then immediately went overseas to introduce myself to some of our deployed Marines and Sailors. Since then, I've had the opportunity to meet most of our members but still have some to go as personnel deploy and return. By now you are certainly aware MCTAG has become MCSCG and we've gained some personnel as a result but the day to day jobs of your Marines and Sailors essentially have remained the same. There may be some growing pains but I believe we've identified most of the possible friction points. I look forward to working with everyone and contributing to the ongoing evolution of MCSCG.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Major Carl Gantt

Mark Your Calendar

Extended Liberty

Columbus Day	Oct. 7 – 10
Veteran's Day	Nov. 10 - 14
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 23 - 28
Christmas Day	Dec. 22 - 27
New Year's Day	Dec. 29 – Jan 3

Promotion Selection Boards

Enlisted

SgtMaj/MGySgt & 1stSgt/MSgt	Oct. 18 – Dec. 16
Reserve SNCO	Jan. 17 – March 16
Gunnery Sergeant	April 17 - June 15
Staff Sergeant	July 17 – Sept. 21

Officer

Brigadier General
Colonel
Lieutenant Colonel
Major
Captain
Chief Warrant Officer

Convening Date

Sept. 27
Sept. 8
Aug. 23
Aug. 16
Jan. 19
Aug. 7

Fitness Reports

Sergeant	March 31
Staff Sergeant	Dec. 31
Gunnery Sergeant	June 30
Master Sergeant/ First Sergeant	June 30
Master Gunnery Sergeant/ Sergeant Major	Sept. 30
Warrant Officer/ Chief Warrant Officer	April 30
Second Lieutenant	Jan. 31 & July 31
First Lieutenant	Oct. 31 & April 30
Captain	May 31
Major	May 31
Lieutenant Colonel	May 31

Message from the Family Readiness Officer



It is hard to believe that summer vacation is over and the kiddos are back to school. I trust everyone and all had an enjoyable and memorable Summer vacation time and that you are all refreshed and ready for the upcoming Holiday Season.

November is Military Family Month and I would personally like to thank all of the Marines, Sailors, and families for their daily sacrifice and commitment. It is an honor and privilege to be a Family Readiness Officer and serve you and your families.

Please remember there are many great resources available for you and your family and most of them are FREE! If you would like to know more about these programs and what we have to offer, please contact me at 757-836-0506 or seth.johnson@usmc.mil.

Thank you again,
Seth M. Johnson

Hampton Roads Events

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Hampton events:

<http://www.hamptoncvb.com/go/events>

Portsmouth events:

http://www.portsmouthholidays.com/december_09.html

Norfolk events:

<http://www.norfolk.gov/Holidays/default.asp>

Chesapeake Events:

<http://www.chesapeake.va.us>

Colonial Williamsburg:

<http://www.history.org/>

Newport News:

<http://www.newport-news.org/>

Bravo Zulu



Gunnery Sgt. Ronald D. Sampson Jr. raised his right hand, and pledged to continue honorably serving his country during a reenlistment ceremony, Aug. 23. Lt. Col. Christopher Brown, operations officer at MCSCG was the reenlisting officer.



Corporal Jonathan Woelfel was meritoriously promoted to his current rank. Woelfel is currently serving as a fiscal clerk with the logistics and embarkation section of MCSCG. He was identified and selected by the command's leadership for having a collective standard of proficiency and leadership that exceeded all of his peers and therefore best qualified to get promoted.



Gunnery Sgt. Dawn Edwards, a communications technician at MCSCG was pinned on to her current rank by her son Kyle Edwards and her father Michael Philbin.



Gunnery Sgt. Keith C. Dempsey was pinned on to the rank of gunnery sergeant by Col. Christopher McCarthy, commanding officer at MCSCG and Gunnery Sgt. Ronald Sampson, and infantry skills instructor for the training and instructor group of the unit. Dempsey is currently serving as the force deployment chief within the operations section of the unit.



Gunnery Sgt. Lee Moffett of the Coordination, Liaison and Assessment Team was awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for exemplary performance of his duties while deployed as the a logistics chief in support of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (FWD) (1st MEF) from February 2010 to February 2011. Gunnery Sgt. Lee Moffett was joined at the ceremony by his wife Astrid. Moffett

MCSCG Relief and Appointment



2011 Oceana Air Show



2011 Belleau Woods PME

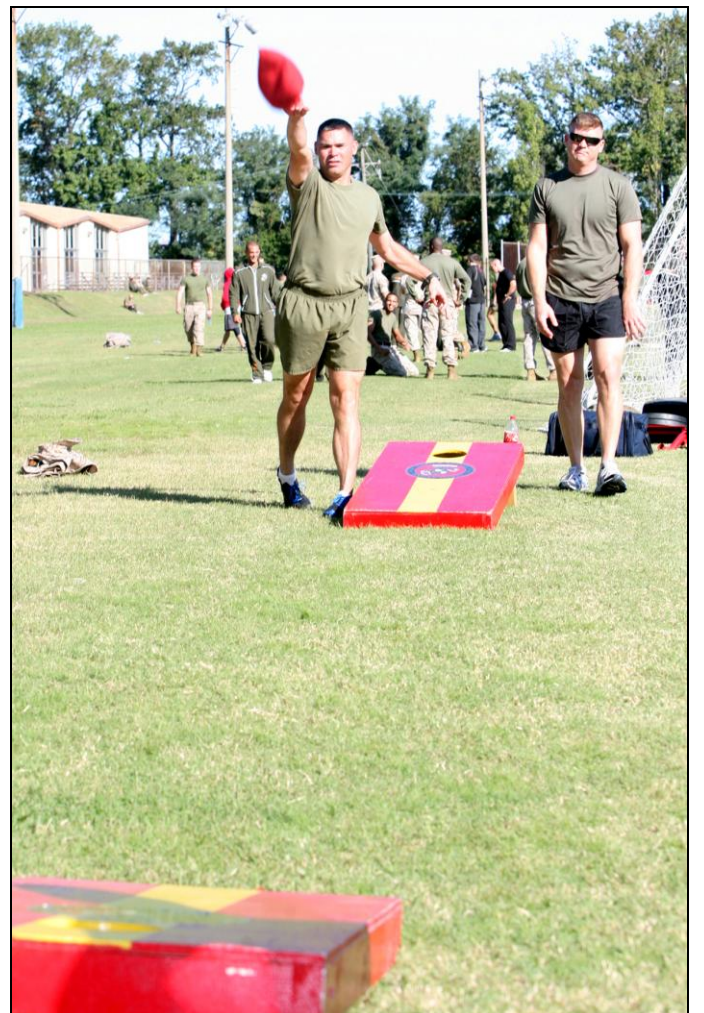


Photo and Cutline provided

By Capt Arlon Smith

On Aug. 29, MCSCG led a battlefield study trip to the site of the Battle for Belleau Wood in France. This PME provided 42 Marines and seven Republic of Georgia officers with the unique opportunity of experiencing Marine Corps history by walking in the foot-steps of the Marines who fought at Belleau Wood and the surrounding towns. The PME focused not only on historical aspects of battle but also on the strategic, operational and tactical decision-making challenges. The trip was planned as a follow-on event for Marines supporting the Georgia Deployment Program – International Security Assistance Force (GDP-ISAF) Military Rehearsal Exercise (MRE) being held at the Joint Military Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany. The trip was made possible by the generous financial support of the Marine Corps University Foundation and the donation of time provided by USMC Lt. Col. Mike Kelly (ret) who served as the battlefield guide. GDP-ISAF is a Security Cooperation mission designed to train and equips Georgian infantry battalions for combat operations in support of Marine forces in Afghanistan Regional Command South West.

2011 Marine from Hampton Roads Field Meet





Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group Georgia Training Team



The MCSCG Marines currently deployed supporting the fifth rotation of the Georgia Deployment Program are (from left to right starting from the top): Sgt. Nicholas Shisler, Staff Sgt. Beau Mattioda, “Chico”, Gunnery Sgt. Lee Bruno, Sgt. Gordon Paige, Capt. Shawn Rickroad, Maj. Joshua Anderson, and Gunnery Sgt. William Brown.

Family Readiness Information

Marine Corps Family Team Building (MCFTB) is on Facebook! To find us go to www.facebook.com/CampAllenMCFTB. “Like” our page to get information on upcoming trainings, MCFTB events and Hampton Roads area offerings! You can also visit the MCCS Camp Allen website at www.mccscampallen.com.

We are easy to find when you make your next stop over to the Marine Corps Exchange, located right off of Terminal Blvd. Look for the blue-roofed brick building in the same parking lot as Quiznos. We can usually offer you a snack, as well as public computer terminals, lots of information and referral materials, and friendly faces who are always happy to see Marines and their families come through our door!

*MCFTB offers childcare reimbursement for all of our programs and sponsored events! *

October 2011:

October 22nd: Family Readiness Assistant (FRA) training.

This training is for USMC spouses or local family members who wish to become Family Readiness Assistants. FRAs work with commands and Family Readiness Officers (FROs) “to provide resource information and training in addition to support services to enhance a Marine’s personal and family readiness.” To register please contact Tracy at 445-6875 or gouldtf@usmc-mccs.org.

November 5th: L.I.N.K.S. for Kids

Marine Corps kids look to one another to understand the USMC mission, make new friends, and reach new levels. L.I.N.K.S. for Kids is a fun-filled afternoon packed with activities to help them achieve these goals! Call Elizabeth at 445-6875 or email her at reykael@usmc-mccs.org to register.

November 19th: Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP)

This workshop is a “pre-marital/marital educational curriculum” for those couples who desire a satisfying marriage lasting a lifetime. The content focuses “what matters and is changeable” i.e. communication danger signs, unrealistic expectations, substance abuse, communication ability, conflict management and commitment and motivation. Call or email Tracy at 445-6875 / gouldtf@usmc-mccs.org to register.

December 3rd: L.I.N.K.S. for Spouses

Are you new to Hampton Roads? Are you newly married? Are you looking to meet and connect with other Marine Corps Spouses? If you answered yes to any of the above, then please come to our LINKS for Spouses session! You will learn all the local resources, have fun and make new friends. Call Elizabeth at 445-6875 or email her at reykael@usmc-mccs.org to register.

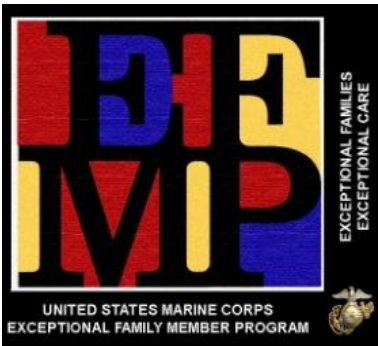
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Monday – Friday, 0800-1630



Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The primary mission of the MC EFMP is to ensure the continuum of care for eligible Marine Corps family members. By identifying families with special needs and maximizing the provision of services, the quality of life provided to the Marine Corps family is enhanced while meeting the mission of the Marine Corps.

If your family member(s) have been diagnosed with a chronic medical/physical condition (duration of 6 months or longer) requiring follow-up support more than once a year, receives specialty care more than twice a year, has a chronic mental health condition, receives intensive outpatient care, more than one, receives inpatient, mental health services, or has an asthma diagnosis, it may be required for you to enroll in the EFMP. If your child(ren) are enrolled in any special education programs, has an IEP; again, you may be required to enroll. Please contact the Family Caseworker listed below for more information and/or enrollment processes.

There are a variety of benefits to being enrolled in the EFMP such as access to a lending library, 40hrs per month of respite care, monthly newsletters, and individualized support from the Family Caseworker.

Check out our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CampAllenEFMP> and “like” our page as well as visit our website http://www.mccscampallen.com/EFMP_local.htm for the latest happenings around town, within the special needs community.

The Hampton Roads EFMP staff, located at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP)

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Single Marine and Sailor Program

Upcoming Events

Oct. 8 – Adopt-A-Street Trash Pick Up. See below flyer for details.

Oct. 15 – Grunt Run 2011. See below flyer for details.

Oct. 21 – Bush Garden Howl-O-Scream trip. See below flyer for details.

Oct. 27 – Haunted Hay Ride and Field of Screams at Hunt Club in Virginia Beach, Va. See below flyer for more details.

Oct. 28 - Halloween Carnival at Camp Allen. See below flyer for more details.

Nov. 5 - Adopt-A-Street Trash Pick. Hampton Blvd.

Nov. 10 – Kat Williams at Ted Constant Convocation Center in Norfolk

Nov. 12 – Duke Vs University of Virginia Football Game

Nov. 19 – Go Karts at America Indoor Karting, Virginia Beach

**** Transportation will be provided to all events****



Volunteer Opportunity
08 October 2011

Adopt-A-Street Trash Pick Up



NORFOLK RECYCLES

Terminal Blvd
From Meredith Street - East
All materials and transportation provided.





OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

GRUNT RUN 2011

NEARLY FIVE MILES OF BRUTALITY
DESIGNED TO PUSH YOUR BODY TO ITS LIMITS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
AT 8:30 A.M.

NSA NORTHWEST ANNEX, 4541 RELAY ROAD
CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA 23322

RACE DAY REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 6:30 A.M.
AND ENDS AT 8:15 A.M. ON-SITE.

EXPERIENCE OBSTACLES, ROUGH TERRAIN, CLIMBS, SWAMPS AND OTHER CHALLENGES
UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF YOUR PERSONAL DRILL INSTRUCTORS.

ENTRY FEES: Military Community - Active duty, retirees, reservists, eligible family members and their civilians without T-shirt - **FREE!**
General Public without T-shirt - \$10 per person, General Public with T-shirt - \$25 per person

TEAMS: OCTOBER 11 - Military Community with T-shirt - \$12 per person, General Public without T-shirt - \$17 per person, General Public with T-shirt - \$25 per person
OCTOBER 12 - Military Community with T-shirt - \$10 per person, General Public with T-shirt - \$25 per person
OCTOBER 13 - General Public without T-shirt - \$25 per person (T-shirts will not be available if you have not registered by October 11)

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM COMPETITION. TEAMS MAY BE COMPOSED OF THREE TO FIVE PEOPLE. IF YOU COMPLETE AS PART OF A TEAM, THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$5 PER PERSON.

RACE PACKET PICK-UP DATES: OCT 10-12 (8:00-10:00) - For all military community, government I.D. checked at packet pick-up for verification purposes. Friday October 14 from 9:00 to 10:00 and Saturday October 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

CALL 421-8263 FOR MORE INFORMATION

REGISTER AT RACEIT.COM

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HAUNTED HAYRIDE AND FIELD OF SCREAMS

October 27th @ 1900

Come join us for a night of
screams at the Hunt Club in
Virginia Beach!!

\$10

Deadline to signup October 20th!!



Contact your SMP representative or
Kurt Isenberg at 757-445-5104
isenbergka@usmc-mccs.org



SMP Trip



**21 October 10
1600 - Close**

Free admission for Marines who have not used their Hero Salute benefit or \$25 for Marines who have. More info: herosalute.com. Free ride to and from your barracks available!

Sign Up Now!! Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Your SMP Rep or Kurt Isenberg to sign up or for more info.

757-445-5104 ♦ isenbergka@usmc-mccs.org

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Trick or Treat
Costume Contest
Games & Prizes
Food & Fun

October 28, 2011
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Camp Allen Gym

RSVP:

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